



ORDNANCE MAKERS MEET—The Loading Committee of the Bomb and Artillery Division, of the American Ordnance Association met Wednesday and today in the Hotel Louis Joliet. Brig. Gen. Joseph M. Colby, commander of the Joliet Ordnance Ammunition Command; and Col. Samuel W. Parnelle, Jr., commander of the Joliet Arsenal, were the chief speakers. Shown, left to right, are, Col. E. S. Palmer; Ordnance Ammunition Command; Brig. Gen. Joel G. Holmes, USA (Ret.) chairman of the Loading Committee; Brig. Gen. Colby; Cdr. Alan Ray, Navy Bureau of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.; and Col. Parnelle. (Herald-News photo.)

Denies Arsenal Here to Be Reactivated

Members of the Loading Committee of the Bomb and Artillery Division of the American Ordnance Association met Wednesday and today in the Hotel Louis Joliet, to discuss problems connected with the manufacture of ammunition.

At the meeting today, Col. Samuel W. Parnelle, commander of the Joliet Arsenal, said there was no substance to a rumor that the Arsenal will be reactivated to manufacture missile fuels.

"I wish it were true," he commented.

Composing the American Ordnance Association are members of the ordnance departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force, plus representatives from firms making weapons and munitions used by the military services.

Under discussion at the two-day meet were such topics as safety problems, power bag loading and shell manufacture, Col. Parnelle declared.

There are two concepts of Arsenal operation, he continued. On the one hand, the federal government both owns and makes the shells and weapons systems, while in the second view, the government merely owns the installations, and contracts the operation out to a private firm, such as the U. S. Rubber or Goodyear Rubber companies.